Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—This work can be completed within 5 or 6 days.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Do you mean to say, from the lapsed amount of this year ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to utilise the lapsed amount for this urgent work next year?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Account Rules as at present stand do not permit a lapsed allotment of one year being utilised for another year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any harm in making use of the funds available when they are not utilised for the particular purpose for which it is set apart ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It may not be possible to do that.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Perhaps on account of the rules?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Erumapatti-Vellattanjur road.

149. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any provision has been made to take up the construction of the connecting road between Erumapatti and Vellattanjur road ;

(2) has not the construction of this road been recommended by the Road Board ;

(3) has that recommendation been acted upon ; if not, what is the reason?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes.

(3) No. Lack of funds.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With regard to clause (3), will the Government be pleased to utilise the lapsed fund under that Department for the improvement of the road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The same answer given by the Registrar of Panchayats applies in this case also. We are not permitted to use lapsed amounts of a certain year for works of another year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to devise some method by which such lapsed funds may be used in the succeeding year, for urgent work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I admit it is a very intelligent question. It has got to be considered

Erumapatti School.

150. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state, is it not a fact that High Schools are available only at a distance of 7 or 8 miles from Erumapatti ?

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